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SUBJECT:FRENCH EXPRESS REGRET AT LEAKS ON NUCLEAR
SUPPLIERS CONFERENCE

1. FRENCH EMBASSY COUNSELOR MASSET CALLED ON PM DEPUTY
DIRECTOR GOODBY ON JUNE 25 ON INSTRUCTIONS OF FRENCH
FOREIGN MINISTRY TO EXPRESS REGRETS AND DISSATISFACTION
WITH REGARD TO THE LEAKS TO THE PRESS CONCERNING THE
NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS CONFERENCE. MASSET MADE SPECIFIC
REFERENCE TO DAVID BINDER'S ARTICLE IN THE NEW YORK TIMES
OF JUNE 18. MASSET SAID THE FEELING IN PARIS WAS THAT
FRANCE HAD BEEN CONSCIOUSLY BADLY TREATED; IMPRESSION

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IN PARIS HAS BEEN FORMED THAT THE UNITED STATES IS TRYING

TO USE PUBLIC OPINION IN ORDER TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON FRANCE AND THIS IS NATURALLY A DISAGREEABLE SITUATION. THE AUTHORITIES IN PARIS BELIEVE THAT DAVID BINDER RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WHICH ENABLED HIM TO PUBLISH HIS ARTICLE. PARIS WISHED IN PARTICULAR TO RECORD THE POINT THAT THEY BELIEVE THIS AMERICAN ATTITUDE WAS CONTRARY TO HIGH LEVEL ASSURANCES FRENCH RECEIVED IN MARCH CONCERNING MAINTENANCE OF SECRECY AND THAT NO PUBLIC PRESSURE WOULD BE APPLIED TO FRANCE DURING THE NEGOTIATION.

2. PM DEPUTY DIRECTOR GOODBY SAID THAT THE US TOO

REGRETTED THE LEAKS TO THE PRESS AND EMPHASIZED THAT THERE WAS NO CONSCIOUS ATTEMPT BY US TO PRESSURE FRANCE THROUGH THE DEVICE OF LEAKS TO THE PRESS. THE US WAS AWARE THIS WOULD SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE AND IT INDEED HAD BEEN CONTRARY TO CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE SUPPLIERS CONFERENCE WAS AGREED.

3. SPEAKING PERSONNALLY, MASSET SAID THAT HE INTERPRETED INSTRUCTIONS AS MEANING THAT FRANCE TOOK THE SUPPLIERS CONFERENCE VERY SERIOUSLY INDEED AND EXPECTED SOMETHING POSITIVE TO COME FROM IT. HE BELIEVED PARIS WISHED TO RECORD ITS VIEW ON THIS MATTER TO INSURE THAT FROM NOW ON THE CONFERENCE WOULD BE TREATED WITH A GREATER SECRECY.

4. FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS MADE BY DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN ON JUNE 18, AND SHOULD BE ADHERED TO BY POSTS IN RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES ON THIS SUBJECT: "OFFICIALS FROM SOME COUNTRIES MET IN LONDON THIS WEEK TO DISCUSS COMMON PROBLEMS CONCERNING NUCLEAR ENERGY. THE DISCUSSIONS WERE CONFIDENTIAL, SO WE CANNOT NAME THE OTHER COUNTRIES OR REVEAL THE CONTENT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS." POSTS SHOULD REFUSE FURTHER COMMENT ON SUBJECT.
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